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SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES SURVEY: PRICE WATERHOUSE

1. IN DESIGNING SURVEY OF LABOR PRACTICES IN SAMPLE OF 40 U.S. SUBSIDIARIES, STRATIFIED ACCORDING TO SIZE AND GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, LOCAL FIRM PRICE WATERHOUSE AND CO., WITH 500 EMPLOYEES, LOCATED IN JOHANNESBURG, WAS CHOSEN.

2. MANAGING DIRECTOR D.E.G. VIELER HAS REPLIED TO INQUIRY REGARDING FIRM'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE VOLUNTARILY IN SURVEY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 20, WHICH APPEARS HOWEVER TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM OF PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO. IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE UNITED STATES FIRM OF THE SAME NAME. THIS IS NOT THE POSITION, THE SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM BEING AN INDEPENDENT FIRM, LINKED WITH THE UNITED STATES FIRM AS A PARALLEL PRACTISING UNIT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. WHILE THEREFORE WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO YOUR OBJECTIVES WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD
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BE MISLEADING FOR US TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONFIRM RESPONSE OF LOCAL FIRM WITH U.S. ASSOCIATE PRICE WATERHOUSE, 1251 AVENUE OF THE AMERICANS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10020.
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